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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE MASTERING OF MEXICO. Told After One of the Conquistadores and various of his Interpreters. By Kate Stephens, author of "The Greek Spirit," "Workfellows in Social Progression," etc. [Illustrated]. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1916, pp. XI, 335.

The descriptive printing on the "jacket" of the book does it an injustice as it would be inferred that, to some extent, it was a work of fiction. This is not the fact as it is a very readable condensed translation of the narrative of Bernal Diaz del Castillo, the companion of Cortez. No fiction is needed to enhance the thrilling interest of this account of the conquest of Mexico by one who was an active participant. Its statements are facts, yet it reads like some romance of almost incredible adventure. Such a book would find a large audience at any time, but it comes at a particularly apt moment.

THE GREAT REVIVAL IN THE WEST, 1797-1805. By Catharine C. Cleveland. University of Chicago Press 1916, pp. VI, 215.

We cannot do better in treating of this valuable book than use Dr. Dodd's words in his introduction: "In this story of the Great Revival in the West, Miss Cleveland has shown clearly the religious 'destitution' of the frontier, the craving of men for excitement, and the effect of powerful emotional appeals upon the minds of simple folk far removed from the main currents of contemporary civilization. The author certainly presents in the following pages, the best, and I believe, the only scientific account of this important movement. The result is a distinct and positive contribution to our knowledge of the social and moral conditions of primitive life in America."

This great revival, with its strange accompanying phenomena, and its great effect on the spiritual condition and the morals and habits of the people is well worth the attention of every student of American history. A good bibliography adds to the value of the book.

NATIONALITY IN MODERN HISTORY, By J. Holland Rose, L. H. D., Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge [&c. &c.] New York. The Macmillan Company 1916, pp. XI, 202.

"The varied manifestations of nationality among the chief European nations are studied in this book. The author, one of the ablest of modern historians, has supplied, in effect, the background of the conflict in